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Amit Shah prays to Kote Anjaneya, winds up Mysuru tour

Mysuru, Mar. 31 (RK&BCT)- BJP National President Amit Shah, who began his two-day whirlwind tour of Mysuru yesterday morning by visiting Suttur Mutt and seeking the blessings of Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, concluded his tour this morning by visiting Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple and performing special pujas there.

Beginning his day speaking to reporters from 10.20 am till 11.05 am at Hotel Radisson Blu, Shah's convoy moved towards Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple at the North Gate of the Mysore Palace where priests performed special pujas. Incidentally, today is Hanuma Jayanti. Later, Shah tweeted: *"On the auspicious occasion of Hanuma Jayanti, took blessings of Bhagawan Sri Hanuman at Kote Sri Anjaneya temple in Mysuru."*

After his visit to Anjaneya Temple, Shah headed by road towards Srirangapatna where he will visit the house of farmer late Rajendrappa at Chennenahalli. Rajendrappa had committed suicide due to crop loss. Shah will also launch Mushti Dhanya Sangraha Campaign there.

From Srirangapatna, Shah will fly in a helicopter to Melukote, Mandya, Channapatna and Ramanagaram. He will visit Cheluvanarayanaswamy Temple at Melukote, interact with organic farmers in Mandya, address Shakti Kendra Pramukh Samavesha in Mandya, visit Channapatna Craft Park and interact with silk growers in Ramanagaram district. From there, he will fly to Bengaluru and take a special flight to New Delhi.

Earlier in Mysuru, Shah addressed a battery of reporters at Hotel Radisson where he charged the Congress of ruining the country. He said there was a tremendous response for the party in Karnataka and this time, the BJP will come back to power after trouncing the Congress.

(See AMIT SHAH on page 13)

JAI HANUMAN!: ***BJP National President Amit Shah offering prayers at city's famous Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple at the Northern Gate of Mysore Palace here this morning after concluding his two-day Mysuru tour and proceeding towards Srirangapatna.***

CM has breakfast at city hotel before hitting campaign trail

Chief Minister Siddharamaiah is seen getting himself charged with a heavy breakfast at city's Ramya Hotel this morning along with his comrades to continue with his poll battle at Yelwal.

Mysuru, Mar.31 (MTY&DM)- Chief Minister Siddharamaiah, who was camping at a resort in Bandipur since a couple of days planning election strategies, arrived in the city this morning and drove straight to his Ramakrishnanagar residence. The CM later visited Ramya Mahendra Hotel near the RTO (West) Office in Lakshmipuram and had breakfast (2 idlis & a cup of tea).

Speaking to press persons near the Hotel, Siddharamaiah said that in the past, he used to frequently visit the Hotel which was earlier located behind MUDA office. But now, he is visiting the Hotel in the new location for the third time after becoming the Chief Minister, as he very much relished the taste of food dished out by the Hotel.

Coming back to politics, the CM said that he will be touring over 20 villages falling under Chamundeshwari constituency, from where he is going to contest the 2018 Assembly polls.

(See BREAKFAST on page 13)

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They couldn't care less

The land's dailies of all hues may have run far short of their column space informing their readers about the cacophony generated by both *netas* and their *chelas* in a free-for-all game of everyone of them trying to outwit everyone else, leaving some sections of society in a state of disgust and the rest amused to some extent. The astute among the literati can be heard remarking in subdued voice that the daily print media is helpless with nothing much to be carried to their loyal patrons except the crap being uttered during rallies and road shows by the leaders and activists of various political parties. Mysuru too is hosting assembly of people in large numbers like never before, a good proportion of them being brought to the venues in hired transport in addition to some pocket money and also refreshments. The masses leave the venues with mass of garbage for the civic workers to restore cleanliness at public cost. Neither the rallyists nor their followers couldn't care less about disturbing orderly life on the streets of the city.

The *rewards* that come in cash and kind for all the inputs of money and muscle power to first land in the Parliament, Legislative Assembly, Urban Local Body, Gram Panchayat and Co-operative Society, followed by annexing posts of profit are too tempting to be ignored. The present flock of *netas* are creating a conduit for their progeny to carry on, ushering in dynastic culture.

The issue of getting back to the country's government account books money stashed in foreign banks by Indians with or without identity that was being talked about in the nation's Parliament not too long ago seems to have got clouded by other issues, currently stumped by public sector Banks being defrauded by a few to the extent of God-knows-how-many-thousands of crore rupees. The gullible depositors of their money in these Banks are keeping their fingers crossed and mouths shut wondering about the fate of their meagre assets. The *netas* with their dramatic rise to the status of high-net-worth-individuals, including those who have been awarded jail sentences, couldn't care less.

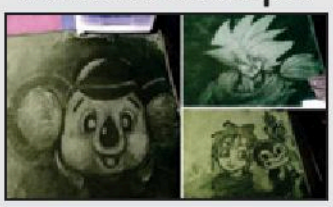
Amidst the current goings on creating a sense of insecurity in the minds of sections of society not latching on to the *netas'* tails, Chairman of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister has slammed the graduates of top institutes for going to elusive shores after studies. These NRIs too couldn't careless.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Many people are allergic to gluten, in which case it's particularly harmful for them. But gluten isn't good even for people who aren't allergic to it, and can make them put on weight, increase their triglycerides and raise their blood sugar. The best way to remain gluten-free is to give up eating wheat, and anything made from it. This is much easier said than done. More than half the things we eat are wheat-based: bread, rotis, biscuits, pizza, pasta. So some very clever people have started making special gluten-free products so that we can eat all these things without running foul of the villainous gluten, which is left on the sidelines twirling its metaphorical moustaches in frustration. However, there's a hitch, and a major one. Because gluten-free products may be free of gluten, but they aren't free of cost. In fact, almost all gluten-free products are horribly expensive. An ordinary, gluten-full loaf of bread at my local kirana shop costs Rs. 27. A gluten-free loaf of a similar size bought from a special health store costs Rs. 120. Makers of gluten-free products keep raking in the loot. People on gluten-free diets say they are feeling better and lighter. One thing is certainly lighter, thanks to their gluten-free diet: their wallet. — *Jug Suraiya in The Times of India.*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Awesome ephemeral artworks on carpet



Tokyo: We've seen artists use all sorts of canvases in the past, but never their own carpets. Well, thank to the genius of Japanese Twitter user @agito0219, we can now add carpets to the list of unusual things to create exceptional art on. @agito0219's art is as simple as it is impressive. If you've ever vacuumed a carpet, you probably already know they usually have two sides. Brush the fibers one way and you reveal one side, but brush them again against the grain and you can see patterns of a slightly or completely different colour, depending on the rug. It's this double-sided nature of her carpets that the mysterious @agito0219 exploits to create her intricate yet ephemeral works of art. Using a variety of unconventional tools, like credit cards, to brush the hairs of her carpet, the Japanese artist creates all kinds of fascinating artworks primarily inspired by manga and anime, it seems there's nothing @agito0219 can't whip out of her carpet.

Man applies to women's college to find a girl friend

Beijing: An 18-year-old male teen in China recently became a social media sensation after applying to the Women's University in Beijing and admitting that one of the main reasons for that was to improve his chances of finding a girlfriend. Due to a preference for boys during the time that the one-child population planning policy was enforced in China (1979 – 2015), the Asian country now has the world's second most distorted sex ratio. In some of its provinces, there are as many as 130 boys for every 100 girls. Unable to deal with those odds, an 18-year-old teen decided to improve his chances of finding a female romantic partner by applying to a women's college. Despite its name, the Women's University in Beijing admits as many as 15 men to study alongside 1,500 female students, every year. However, actually getting accepted into this learning institution, as a man, is quite the challenge. There are multiple rounds of screening and sometimes the university only accepts a single male student, as was the case last year.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

Do nails continue growing after death occurs?

Nails do not continue growing after death, though it appears that they continue to grow because the surrounding tissue shrinks, making the nails appear larger.

**Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Urus-e-Kwaja and Chati Shariff celebrations tonight

Mysuru, Mar. 31 (KS) - Urus-e-Kwaja and Chati Shariff celebrations will be held today (Mar. 31) from 7 pm onwards at Markaz-e-Khanqa-e-Silsila-e-Aamiria, # 2727, Anjuman Etihad Islam building, Near Dargahi Masjid, Sawday Road, Mandi Mohalla, under the Chairmanship of Sir Khazi of Mysuru Moulana Mohammed Usman Shariff.

Silsilaha Amiria devotees in Mysuru city will celebrate Hazarath Kwaja Garibun Nawaz Chati Shariff as part of 806 Annual Sandal Urus Shariff in Ajmeer Shariff in Rajasthan.

International Islamic Scholar Sufi Saint Hazarath Syed Mohd. Mohiuddin Usama Shah Amari Saheb will speak on the occasion. Moulana Makbool Ahmed Nizami Saheb will compere.

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For details, contact Zunoon Ali Shah on Mob: 96117-92786 or 88808-51079.

Qualify for Intl. Spell Bee contest

A group photo of the students of Maharshi Public School, Vishweshwaranagar in city, who have qualified for Words Worth International English Spell-Bee, Chennai 2017-18, contest. P. Anirudh of 5th std, H.N. Pratheeksha and P. Disha of 6th std, Mukunda Alwar and Nivedita Saligram of 8th std. are seen with Principal T. Lakshmi and English teacher Chaya Kannan.

Really...?

- ***In September 1990, during the First International Conference on the Biological and Radiological Aspects of the Chernobyl Accident, the Soviet scientists reported that in the 10-kilometer exclusion zone, the fallout was as high as 4.81 gigabecquerel per square meter.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

After English exam...
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VOICE OF THE READER

Do we really get petrol worth our money in petrol bunks?

Sir,

In the recent past a few petrol bunks in and around the outskirts of Mysuru city are not filling fuel for the money we pay. One of my close friends faced this bitter experience when he went to a petrol bunk in the vicinity of his house. He got petrol filled for Rs. 200 in the tank in auto feed mode. But to his dismay, he later found that only less than half the tank was filled.

Actually when he filled petrol at the bunk, the fuel level in the tank was just above the reserve mark.

Later he went and complained to the manager/ owner of that petrol station but in vain.

In fact, he also enquired a few customers filling petrol in that station whether they are getting the right quality and quantity of petrol for which some of them responded saying that they just fill it and haven't checked the quantity or quality of petrol so far.

The *modus operandi* of these bunks is very simple: Talk to the customers nicely first and then divert their attention to other things like low air pressure in the tyres. Once the attention is diverted, they just steal a few points of petrol.

Hence I appeal to the authorities of oil companies to make a surprise visit to petrol stations and check whether the meters are being calibrated regularly and properly, collect feedback on the spot from customers who are filling gas at that time, about the behaviour of gas filling personnel, whether they are satisfied with the quantity and quality of petrol, whether they are visiting the bunk regularly, etc.

Authorities must also create awareness in the minds of public about such petrol thefts. If the authorities find any bunk indulging in such unfair trade practices they must immediately withdraw licence granted to them for running the bunk.

—Arunkumar
on e-mail
Chamarajapuram
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CBSE Class 12 Economics re-exam on Apr. 25

No re-exam for Class X Maths in State

New Delhi, Mar. 31- The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) will conduct the re-examination in Economics for CBSE Class XII all over the country on Apr. 25. However, there will be no re-exam for 10th Standard Maths exam in the State.

"If at all re-examination, if any for Class X Mathematics paper has to be held, it will done only for the National Capital Region of Delhi and Haryana in July. Re-examination for the Class X paper will not be held in rest of the States," said Human Resource Development (HRD) Ministry's School Education Department Secretary Anil Swarup, in Delhi yesterday.

He made this statement following leaks in question paper in the Class XII Economics Paper and Class X Maths Paper recently which has put a lot of students to hardship. The CBSE will also not conduct re-examination for the two papers appearing in their Class X and Class XII Board examinations abroad, he also clarified.

Ursu Jagruthi Academy to fete B.P.Ed gold medallist

Mysuru, Mar. 31 (KS) - Ursu Jagruthi Academy in association with District Kannada Sahitya Parishat, has organised a function to felicitate **G.P. Shanshank,** who has secured 1st rank in B.P.Ed and won five gold medals at the convocation of University of Mysore.

The function has been organised on Apr. 2 at 5 pm at District Kannada Sahitya Parishat premises near Mysore Palace.

Former Minister C.H. Vijayashankar will inaugurate. Founder-President of Dasthi Nursing College Dr. D. Thimmaiah will deliver the felicitation address. Mysuru District Sharana Sahitya Parishat President M. Chandrashekar and Ursu Jagruthi Academy Hon. President Dr.M.G.R. Urs will be present as chief guests. District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Dr.Y.D. Rajanna will preside.

"Namma Nadige Maragala Kadege" tomorrow

Dr. Mahadeswara Swamy

Mysuru, Mar. 31- "Vriksh Parichaya" (Tree Appraisal Walk), a nature walk programme is being conducted by YHAI Gangothri Unit on Sunday (Apr. 1) at 7 am at Kukkarahalli Lake area. Dr. Mahadeswara Swamy, Scientist and *SOM* Columnist (Tree Facts), the resource person for the programme, will conduct the walk *"Namma Nadige Maragala Kadege."* Interested may assemble near the entrance gate opposite Railway crossing.

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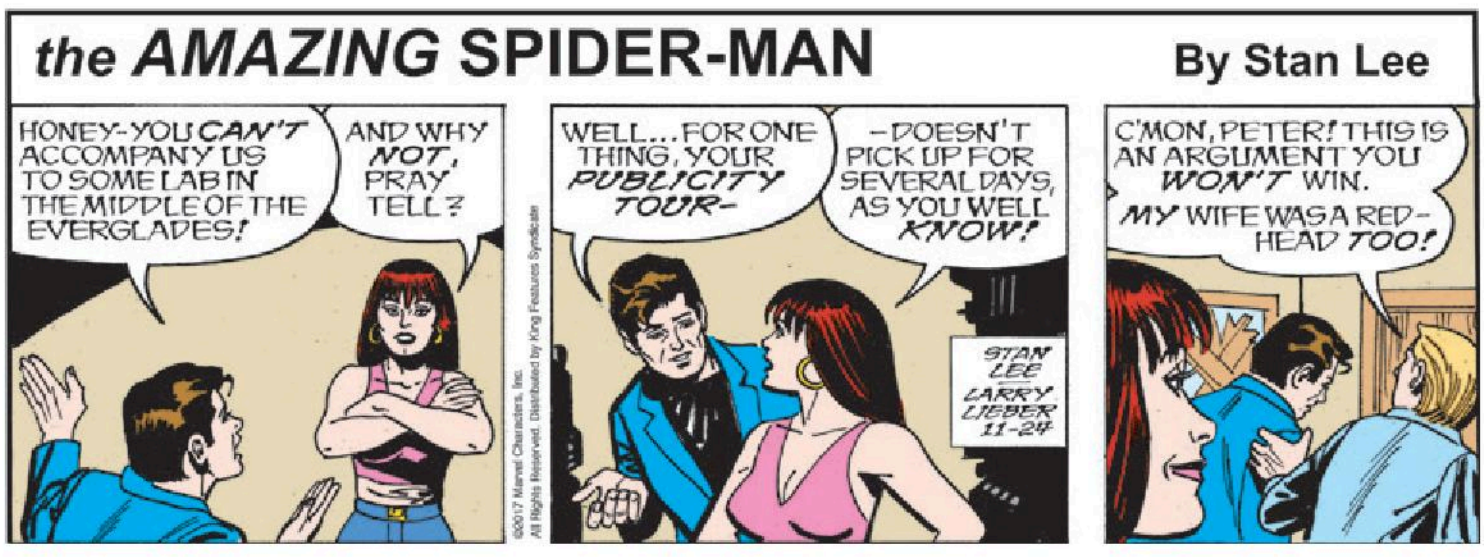
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NEWS BRIEFS

Blood donation camp tomorrow

As part of Tumakuru Siddaganga Mutt Seer Dr. Sri Shivakumara Swamiji's 111th birthday celebration, Akhila Bharata Veerashaiva Mahasabha, in association with Veerashaiva-Lingayat Associations and organisations and Basava Balagagala Okkoota of the city, will be organising a blood donation camp at JSS Balajagath School located at Dr. Shivarathri Rajendra Circle at 9 am tomorrow (Apr.1). For details, contact Mob: 94494-06107.

Sunday Clinic tomorrow

Narayana Multi-Speciality Hospital will be holding a Sunday Clinic tomorrow at the Hospital's Avati L. Ramaseshaiah and Lakshmi Devamma Clinic, Vinoba Road, Shivarampet at 8 am tomorrow. The Clinic provides a special check-up package for diabetic and heart patients. For details, contact Mob: 88847-44144.

Safe Beat Clinic

Narayana Multi-Speciality Hospital will be organising a 'Safe Beat Clinic' at the Hospital premises in Devanur at 8 am tomorrow. A special package covering a whole range of heart check-up is part of the Clinic. The Clinic will open up to 12 noon. For details, contact Mob: 95380-52378.

Paper presentation

Dr. R. Purnima, Director, Children's Literary Club, will be presenting a paper titled 'Towards Capacity Building: Teaching English language skills through English Theatre for students pursuing education through Kannada medium" as part of the National Seminar organised by Karnataka State Dr. Gangubai Hangal Music and Performing Arts University in Mysuru on Apr.3 and 4.

Swathi Puja

Sri Lakshminarasimha Swamy Temple of Melukote Yadugiri Yathiraj Mutt's Shaka Mutt, Kalidasa Road, has organised 'Swathi Puja' at its premises on Apr.2. Mahasudarshana Sankalpa Homa and special abhisheka puja at 7.30 am, Special decoration at 12.30 pm, Mahamangalarthi and prasada distribution at 1 pm. Prakarotsava will be performed at 7.30 pm and Mahamangalarthi and prasada distribution at 8 pm.

Talk on 'Kagga'

Elder Citizen's Council has organised a talk on 'Mankutimmana Kagga' by retired Education Officer M.B. Ninganna has been organised at the Council premises in Jayalakshmipuram on Apr.2 at 5.30 pm. Council President N.K. Ramachandregowda will preside.

Congress has a history of fooling Dalits: Amit Shah

BJP National President interacts with Dalit leaders in city

Former Minister V. Sreenivasa Prasad and others are seen handing over a bronze bust of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar to BJP National President Amit Shah during the interaction meet at Rajendra Kalamandira in city yesterday. Others seen are MP Pratap Simha, Union Minister Ananth Kumar, BJP State President B.S. Yedyurappa, SC Morcha President D.S. Veeraiah, former Minister Kote M. Shivanna and BJP leader H.V. Rajeev.

Mysuru, Mar.31 (MTY&DM)- Accusing the Congress of fooling Dalits for decades, BJP National President Amit Shah has maintained that it was the Congress which prevented Dr. B.R. Ambedkar from entering the Parliament by defeating him.

Speaking at an interaction meet with Dalit leaders at Rajendra Kalamandira here yesterday, Shah asserted that the BJP always worked for the welfare of Dalits.

Referring to Union Minister Anant Kumar Hegde's recent remark that there would be changes to the Constitution, Shah said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has himself clarified in Parliament that the Constitution of India was itself a great religion.

Alleging that the Congress Government at the Centre failed to confer 'Bharat Ratna' award on Dr. Ambedkar, Shah said that it was Narendra Modi's Government which bestowed the nation's highest civilian award on Dr. Ambedkar.

Listing out the NDA Government's plans for the welfare of Dalits, Shah accused the Congress of unnecessarily raising the issue of Supreme Court's ruling on SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act.

Pointing out that the Union Government will move the SC challenging the ruling, he said that the Union Government had made efforts for much larger outreach of Dr. Ambedkar's thoughts.

Listing out the schemes, projects and initiatives taken by the Modi Government for the welfare of Dalits, Shah said that the NDA Government 's other ambitions initiatives such as Jan Dhan, MUDRA, Make In India etc., had benefited more than 10 crore people.

During the course of the interaction, one Dr. Balasubramaniam demanded more reservation for SC/STs in Government jobs and filling up vacant SC/ST and OBC backlog posts.

V.S. Subramanya wanted to know what the Centre had done for the welfare of Pourakarmikas and demanded statutory benefits for Pourakarmikas.

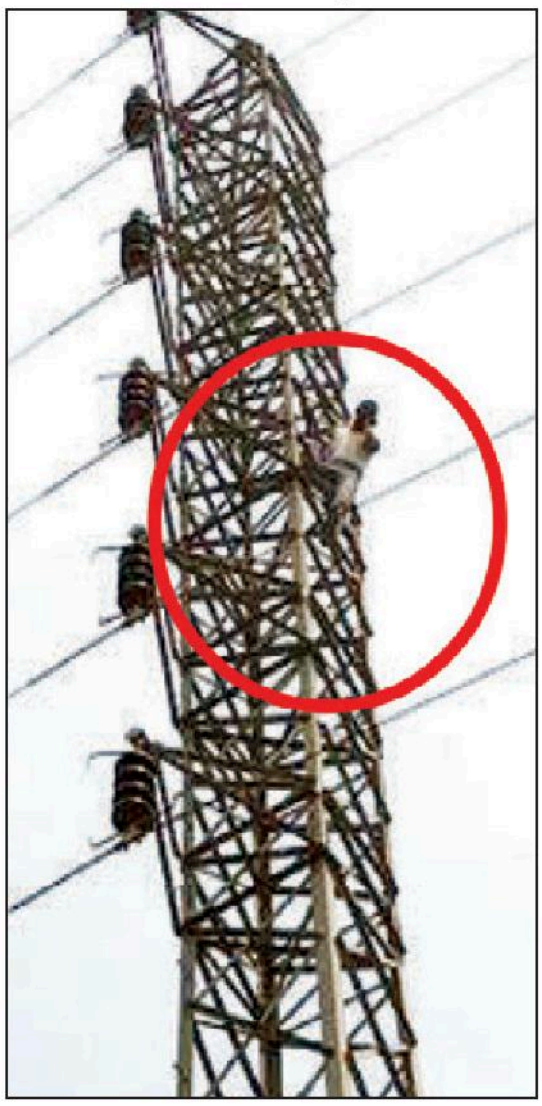
Amith Shah is seen addressing the gathering during the interaction meet in city yesterday. BJP leader and Advocate S. Arun Kumar, who compered the event, is also seen.

One of the participants raising her point during Amit Shah's interaction meet with Dalit leaders at Rajendra Kalamandira in city yesterday.

BJP leader and Advocate S. Arun Kumar compered the meet, while district BJP SC Morcha President Nagaraj Malladi welcomed the gathering.

State BJP Chief B.S. Yeddyurappa, MP Pratap Simha, former Minister S.A. Ramdas, V. Sreenivasa Prasad, Kote M. Shivanna and C.T. Ravi, Union Minister Ananth Kumar, former MP Kagalavadi Shivanna, SC Morcha President D.S. Veeraiah, leaders K. Shivaram, Bharathi Shankar, C.N. Ramu, Shahikala Nagaraj, S. Mahadevaiah and others were present during the event.

Youth atop electric pole rescued



Mysuru, Mar.31 (RK&NNN)- In the light of a youth trying to commit suicide by climbing the electric pole near K.R. Circle being rescued comes another news that one more youth climbed the high tension electric pole in Ramakrishnanagar yesterday to end his life.

Mysuru taluk Yadahalli village resident Shankar, 23, is the youth who climbed the pole and threatened to end his life. Yesterday around 1.15 pm, Shankar climbed the high tension electric pole near Ramakrishna Paramahamsa Circle and started shouting that he would commit suicide by jumping from the pole.

The passersby who noticed this drama informed the Police. Kuvempunagar Police came along with the Fire Brigade personnel and had to make a lot of effort to save him.

"The girl whom I had loved rejected me. I am also in debt. Who can save me now?" he was heard wailing from a height of 40 feet pole. "If anyone of you climb the pole and come near me I will touch the high tension wire and die," he threatened.

The Fire Brigade Personnel convinced him not to take the extreme step and slowly brought him down and handed him over to the Police. Later, Kuvempunagar Police took him to the Station.

He revealed to the Police during interrogation that he was unemployed and had borrowed money heavily. Scared of the lenders, he resorted to this step.

The Police summoned his relatives, took an undertaking from him that he will not again resort to such steps and sent him back, said a Police Officer speaking to *Star of Mysore*.

House burgled, gold and cash worth Rs. 2.15 lakh stolen

Mysuru, Mar.31 (YDS&US)- A house in Madhuvana Extension in Kuvempunagar here was reportedly burgled a couple of days ago which has come to light now.

Miscreants are believed to have gained entry by breaking open the rear door of the house and decamped with gold and cash worth Rs.2.15 lakh.

The resident of the house Narasimahamurthy, along with family members, is said to have gone to Arakalgud in Hassan leaving the house locked. On his return, he saw the rear door of the house broken and 85 gm of gold with Rs.20,000 in cash missing.

Kuvempunagar Police have registered the case.

Bus hits bike, rider killed

Mysuru, Mar.31 (PM&US)- Vijayakumar (20) of Begur village in Chikmagalur district and a resident of K.M. Hundi near Kadakola and an employee of an industry in Kadakola was killed on the spot when the bike he was riding (KA-18 EF-5557) was allegedly hit from behind by a KSRTC bus (KA-09 F-4642) near Kadakola Railway Bridge yesterday.

Mysuru Rural Police have registered the case.

Home-maker goes missing with her daughter

Dandamma

Mysuru, Mar.31 (US)- A home-maker, along with her four-year-old daughter, is said to have gone missing since Mar.23 from her house in Udbur in the taluk. Dandamma, 26, wife of Manju, is the person who has gone missing along with her daughter Keerthi, according to a complaint lodged by the woman's father Shivanna with Jayapura Police. Anyone who traces the woman can contact: 0821-2495781 or 2444800.

Not bearing a male child, husband sets ablaze wife

Pooja

T. Narasipur, Mar.31 (SK&US)- A gruesome incident of a man allegedly killing his wife by setting her ablaze for the trivial reason of not bearing a male child has been reported from Hosahalli village in the taluk.

Pooja (24) of Varuna hobli in Mysuru taluk was married to Kantharaj of Hosahalli nine years ago.

The couple had three daughters. For not bearing a male child, Pooja was said to have been continuously harassed by Kantharaj and his family members.

On Thursday, the arguments on bearing a male child was believed to have reached a flash point when Kantharaj allegedly set ablaze Pooja with assistance of his mother and siblings and fled the scene.

Pooja's Mother Ratnamma lodged a complaint with T. Narsipur Police who are on a hunt for the killers.

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Amit Shah visits Nanjangud temple, Suttur Gaddige, Ganapathy Ashrama

BJP National President Amit Shah offering prayers at Suttur Srikshetra Gaddige in Suttur last evening. Picture right shows Shah during a meeting with Sri Siddeshwara Swamiji of Vijayapura Sri Jnanayogashrama, who is presently in Suttur holding spiritual camps. Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, Union Minister H.N. Ananth Kumar, BJP State President B.S. Yeddyurappa and BJP National Organising Secretary Santhoshji are also seen.

Nanjangud/ Mysuru, Mar. 31 (RS,YDS&BCT)- After spending a hectic morning with a series of meetings with party workers in Mysuru and Chamarajanagar, BJP National President Amit Shah spent the evening visiting temples and Ashramas. He visited the famous Srikanteshwaraswamy Temple at Nanjangud, Srikshetra Suttur Gaddige and Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashrama in city. He offered special prayers to the deities.

It was his first visit to Srikanteshwara temple and the temple authorities led him to the sanctum sanctorum at around 7 pm where he performed a special puja to Lord Nanjundeshwara, the presiding deity. Shah was accompanied by BJP State President B.S. Yeddyurappa, Union Minister H.N. Ananth Kumar, MP Pratap Simha, MLA C.T. Ravi, advocate S. Arun Kumar BJP National Organising Secretary Santhoshji and other leaders. After having *darshan* at Srikanteshwara temple, Shah's convoy proceeded towards Srikshetra Suttur Gaddige at Suttur village in the temple town. He was received by Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji. The BJP President was led to the Gaddige where he performed special prayers. Later he met Sri Siddeshwara Mahaswamiji of Vijayapura Sri Jnanayogashrama at Suttur and held talks with the spiritual guru.

Shah was served dinner at Suttur and he briefly interacted with students from the North East and the students rendered Sanskrit Shlokas.

Next Amit Shah arrived at Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashrama of Avadhoota Datta Peeta on the Ooty road in city where he met Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji. The BJP President was given a warm welcome at the entrance and he was first led to the Universal Prayer Hall (Vishwa Prarthana Mandira) where he had a darshan of the presiding deity.

Later, Shah met the Sri Swamiji and exchanged pleasantries. Junior pontiff Sri Datta Vijayananda Theertha Swamiji, former Home Minister R. Ashoka, former Minister S.A. Ramdas, Karnataka Pradesh Hotel Owners Association President M. Rajendra, former MUDA Chairman L. Nagendra and others were present.

It may be recalled here that in January 2016, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had visited the Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashrama when he had come to Mysuru to inaugurate the 103rd Science Congress at the University of Mysore. Modi had inaugurated a new hospital at Avadhoota Datta Peeta.

Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji in conversation with Amit Shah, who called on the Swamiji at his Ashrama on Ooty Road here yesterday along with senior BJP leaders. Picture right shows priests at Srikanteshwara Temple in Nanjangud explaining the significance of the temple to Shah.

Rain with hailstone lashes Kushalnagar

Kushalnagar, Mar. 31 (US) - Heavy rain accompanied by hailstones lashed Kushalnagar and nearby villages yesterday evening.

The rain lasted for about an hour with big hailstones. Owing to the accompanying gale, the rain is believed to have caused destruction at a few places with asbestos roof of a few houses getting blown off.

Power supply was affected owing to snapping of cables which was later attended by CESC staff.

Sheets of roof at Ramalingeshwara temple which flew off fell on a few cars damaging them.

South interior parts

The pre-monsoon rain is said to have also lashed Mandya, Hassan, Chamarajanagar, Chikkabalapur, Kolar and Chikkamagalur districts.

The untimely rain is believed to have damaged grape crops in Chikkaballapur. A few farmers had cheers lit on their faces in Kolar hoping to receive normal monsoon this year.

Bengaluru too experienced heavy rains and certain parts of Mysuru too received a brief spell of rain with dusty winds.

Thousands witness Theppotsava at Kapila River

Nanjangud, Mar. 31 (RS)- The Annual Dodda Jathra Mahotsava concluded at the temple town here last evening with the grand Theppotsava of Lord Srikanteshwara Swamy at Kapila River.

More than 50,000 devotees witnessed the flower-bedecked float carrying the idol of the deity, sitting on the steps leading to the river where lakhs of devotees have taken a holy dip during the annual car festival held from Mar. 21 to Mar. 30.

The main attraction of the festival was, however, the Pancha Maha Rathotsava (five chariots) held on Mar. 28.

Prior to the Theppotsava, the temple priests offered puja to the *Utsava Moorthi* in the presence of Temple Executive Officer Kumaraswamy, Gangaiah, Tahasildar Suraj, Muzrai Tahasildar Yathiraj and Temple Trustees.

Novel drinking water campaign for birds launched in city

Karnataka Zoo Authority Chairperson Mallige Veeresh launching the novel drinking water campaign for birds organised by Arivu Samsthe at Agrahara Circle in city on Mar.29 as other volunterrs look on.

Mysuru, Mar.31 (PM&NNN)- The scorching summer heat is sapping the energy of not only human beings but the birds are also feeling very thirsty. In order to quench the thirst of birds, Arivu Samsthe launched a unique drinking water and feeding campaign for birds at Agrahara Circle here on Mar. 29.

Zoo Authority Chairperson Mallige Veeresh launched the abhiyan which aims to bring about awareness among the people to facilitate drinking water and food for the birds.

Speaking on the occasion, Mallige Veeresh said man is completely dependent on environment. There must be a balance between man and the environment around him and he should see that balance is not destroyed. Hence, such abhiyans become necessary.

If we nurture plants and trees, the bird population can also be protected. There are many such efforts already on to protect it at Mysuru Zoo, Karanji Lake and Kukkarahalli Lake. These efforts had started during the rule of Wadiyars itself and we are seeing the fruits of their vision today, she said.

Social Worker K. Raghuram Vajpayee said that it is laudable that Arivu Samsthe has launched the abhiyan on the day of Mahaveer Jayanti as Lord Mahaveer always stood for peace and his love for birds and animals was well-known.

Arivu Samsthe's Srikanth Kashyap and other volunteers were present.

'Implement Peninsula River Development Project to solve Cauvery row'

Nitin Gadkari *Dr. Jayaramaiah*

Mysuru, Mar.31 (NNN)-Even as Prime Minister Narendra Modi talked about inter-linking of rivers in the country yesterday, saying it can help address the issue of imbalance between areas having excess water and those facing scarcity of the resource, Dr. K.M. Jayaramaiah, non-official Member of Karnataka Tank Conservation and Development Authority, has lauded the views expressed by Union Minister for Water Resources Nitin Gadkari that the excess water of Godavari river should be made to flow into Cauvery river instead of allowing it to flow into the sea.

In a letter to Nitin Gadkari, Dr. Jayaramaiah has stated that the Central Government had planned the Peninsula River Development Project in 2015. According to this project, excess water of 150 TMC feet of Mahanadi and Godavari rivers would have to flow into Cauvery river if the project had started in 2015 itself. If this had happened then the century-old Karnataka-Tamil Nadu Cauvery water dispute would have ended.

He has urged the Centre to implement the Peninsular River Development Project at the earliest and resolve the Cauvery water dispute between TN and Karnataka at the earliest.

He has also marked copies of his letter to AICC President Rahul Gandhi, Chief Minister Siddharamaiah and MP R. Dhruvanarayan.

Felicitation and Thanksgiving ceremony to Milli Council volunteers

Mysuru, Mar.31-All India Milli Council (AIMC), Mysuru District Unit, had organised a felicitation and Thanksgiving ceremony on Thursday evening at Hotel Regenta, Nelson Mandela Road, for its volunteers who were instrumental in making the Silver Jubilee celebrations (Feb.23-25) of AIMC a grand success.

They were felicitated with shawls and mementoes by Minister Tanveer Sait and Hazrath Moulana Syed Shah Mustafa Rifayee Saheb Geelani. On the occasion, Tanveer Sait, who was the Chairman of the Reception Committee, was also feted.

Sir Khazi of Mysore Hazrath Moulana Usman Shariff Saheb, Hazrath Moulana Mohamed Zaka Ulla Saheb Siddiqui, President, AIMC Mysore District Unit K.C. Shoukath Pasha, Corporator and General Secretary, AIMC Mysore District Unit and office-bearers of AIMC, Karnataka Unit, were present.

Donate used text books to Vidyadaan-2018 Project

Mysuru, Mar.31 - Bharatiya Jain Sanghatan (BJS), established in the year 1985 under the visionary leadership of Shantilal Muttha, has been in the forefront of addressing national concerns in the areas of Educational Initiatives, Social Development and Disaster Response.

With a vision to collectively contribute towards nation-building, BJS has been conducting Empowerment of Girls training programme in several colleges in collaboration with Department of Education in Mysuru Region.

As part of its Vidyadaan- 2018 programme, BJS will be collecting used text books from passing students of 1st PUC and above and the same will later be issued to needy students. Last year too BJS had collected and distributed hundreds of books to needy students. Nisha Jain, Project Coordinator, can be contacted on Mob: 9535519599.

BJS will start collecting the books from Apr.1 and three more rounds of collection will be done on Apr.8, Apr.15 and Apr.22from 9.30 am to 11.30 am at the following locations:

Sri Sthanak Jain Bhavan, Halladakeri, Mysuru; Sri Terapanth Bhavan, M. G. Road; Sri Kunthunath Jain Temple, Ittigegud, according to a press release from Prakash Srisrimaal, President (Mob: 9845247444).

IN BLACK & WHITE

Vikram Muthanna

Leaky CBSE

May 1st is Labour Day but March is labour month — Parents labour to get their students to study and students labour to regurgitate a whole year's syllabus. Now, exam papers have leaked... again and a re-examination has been announced. This has not only left students frustrated and parents fuming but also put the tourism industry in limbo.

In our country everything in the first quarter of the year is planned around children — marriages, medical procedures, holidays, finances are all planned around exam dates. Everything is on the backburner until children finish their exams. So families are now anxiously waiting for this rigmarole to end. But when it doesn't, things go haywire.

The 2018 batch of CBSE Class 10 students are unlucky. To begin with, they were informed earlier this year that they will have to prepare for the entire syllabus unlike their predecessors. Now this batch not only had to do it all in one exam but also possibly face a re-exam. It must be truly frustrating to be the batch of 2018. But...

With so much confusion about exams and with the government going back to the old exam pattern from next year, this year the government may follow a "no student left behind policy." Which means no one fails! So perhaps the batch of 2018 CBSE X aren't all that unlucky!

What is aggravating to most parents and students is that the CBSE had received a tip off about the exam paper leak four days earlier. Then on Tuesday night they received a copy of the leaked paper but did nothing about it. This morning, Union Human Resource Development Ministry stated that since the question paper leaked only in Delhi and Haryana, only the students in these two zones would have a re-exam. But this decision will be taken in the next 15 days! Why are children and parents being kept on the edge of their seat for 15 days?

Our Prime Minister may have written a book called *'Exam Warrior'* but if his government does not find a fool-proof solution, he will have to write a second book called *'Re-exam Warrior.'* In fact in the book the PM writes "a parent wrote to me saying, 'Modiji, one of my children appeared for the Class XII exam and the other for Class X. They were tremendously nervous but your *Mann Ki Baat* had an effect on them that even our words did not'." May be the PM can address the children again and let them know they don't have to be nervous, as it won't happen again. The PM in the book said "Exam Warriors — brave youngsters taking part in the festival of exams." Well, the festival of exam has turned into a nightmare.

Can you imagine what would have happened if all the farmers were affected similarly? The government thinks children can't affect the outcome of elections so they can be harassed with irrelevant syllabus, books that are politically vetted and reschedule exams without a care.

Our education system has many rotten apples. When I was in college there was a teacher who gave full internal marks in exchange for a then popular whiskey called Peter Scot. Then tuition teachers started pooling money to buy exam papers and tutor their students. Good results meant demand for more money from the next batch. Soon some colleges allowed copying so the college ranking would improve.

May be, if we change our testing and grading system it could put a stop to the leak of question papers. In the United States, the passing grade is 60% and anything below this is an F grade, fail.

In India, it's 35%. No wonder then that 47% graduates in India are not employable for any industry role according to a nationwide audit of employability done by *Aspiring Minds,* India's Leading Employability Solutions Company.

May be like in the West we too should have open book exams and raise the pass percentage to 60%. Students should have read the book to know where to look, the testing criteria is based on understanding the concept and its application to solve a problem — it is a test for application of knowledge which is what one is expected to do in the real world.

For this to work, our teachers have to set the question papers intelligently. But most of our professors don't want to find innovative ways of testing their students because innovation is hard work.

Film distributors prevent film piracy by handing out a password to movie theatres just thirty minutes before the first show of a film is about to play so that they can download the movie to be shown. Perhaps, the same method can be applied to CBSE schools where they can download the question paper a little before the exam? All a school needs is an internet connection and a photocopy machine.

We are a leaky nation. Everything, from our public distribution system, banking system, election dates, to our education system leaks. For now, the lesson in this leak is for parents: whenever you plan a post-exam holiday, book refundable tickets.

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Weekend STAR Supplement

Mysuru Saturday 31st March 2018

The humble earthen pot and the lime soda are the best ways to keep oneself cool and healthy in a hot summer. While the pot water soothes your throat, a lemon-and-soda drink rejuvenates your body after a tiring day where the sweltering heat sucks out your energy. This Weekend Star Supplement narrates the story of people behind these earthen pots and lime soda. Coming to our city from far off places, they sell these eco-friendly and natural stuff to the health-conscious and at the same time eke out a living.

QUENCHING summer thirst

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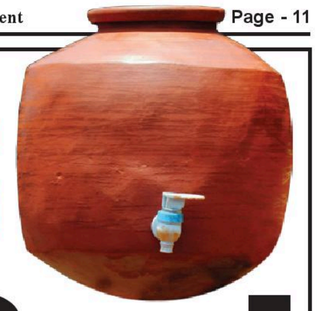
Lime and Matkas



Sips for the Soul

By V. Shourabh

With the mercury heading north and summer reaching its peak, Mysureans are turning their eyes towards things that can help them keep cool in this scorching heat and act gentle on their burning throats. While the city is known for its several juice centres, one cannot hide the fact that cometh summer, there is an increase in lime soda stalls, juice carts and soda centres. This humble lime soda consumed during summer season has many benefits and has a cooling effect on the body. While lime soda can be consumed once in a while or when we venture out in the hot sun, an earthen water pot serves cool and rather healthy water at homes.

Heavenly Earthen Pots

Krishna with his clay water pots near Kalamandira in city.

The earth is a treasure trove of nutrients and minerals. Our ancients knew how to harness its benefits the right way. That's why they designed pots and pans crafted out of the clay. To this day, many Indian households swear by the clay pot and prefer the water cooled in the 'Matka' to any refrigerated beverage.

Earthen water pots, commonly called clay pots or 'mannina madike' in local parlance, have several healthy properties and also keep the water cool by maintaining a temperature of about 10 degrees to 14 degrees – much healthier than the water cooled by a typical refrigerator.

A water pot seller with his neatly arranged pots near Kukarahalli Lake.

These pots are also known to filter impurities as they settle down and the porous texture helps in maintaining the temperature, however hot it may be outside. The pots are also known as 'Pani ka Matka' and in a hot summer, the water (from the pot) acts gentle on the throats.

Ask any user of these earthen pots. He/she will definitely question, with these eco-friendly pots, who needs a refrigerator that runs on electricity and also burns a hole in pockets. Water from the refrigera-tors gives a cooling effect momentarily but acts harsh on throats and causes throat infections too.

Krishna, a 15-year-old boy sells earthen pots and clay water pots near Kalamandira entrance. His parents have been selling earthenware over there since about 30 years. He was born in Mysuru and has studied upto 6th Standard.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, he says, "We are from Rajasthan and have settled here since many years. Our family is into this business of selling earthen pots and clay water pots. I was born in Mysuru and since then I have learnt polishing the pots and have mastered it. I managed to study till 6th Standard. But now, as my younger brother attends school and we need someone to take care of the pots, polish and sell them, I shouldered the responsibility."

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Shekhar is seen making idols** (in the extreme right, under the tent) **as his brother, mother and sons are selling clay pots near Ballal Circle.

fizz in the air…

Lemon along with hot water removes toxins from the body. But it is a pain to the taste buds for sure. With heat at its peak, lemon soda fits the bill and is an icing on the cake to beat the heat. Lime soda has several healthy elements and helps in digestion. Moreover it is economical for a common man. No wonder American actress, producer, and philanthropist Sandra Bullock has said, "Lemon cleans everything. It's the greatest disinfectant."

With several flavours at their disposal, lime soda sellers are providing various combinations and are displaying their expertise of mixing flavours. They give a colourful look to the humble drink and serve it in a preferred flavour to their customers. Who doesn't like the glide of a lime soda down the throat? The liquid re-hydrates the body and after having a glass or two, one is usually raring to go.

From Nellore in AP to Mysuru

A group of people from Nellore, Andhra Pradesh (AP) have setup a business of selling lime soda in Mysuru. They stay at a rented place behind Bamboo Bazaar Road at Bannimantap (Next to ICRM Central Prayer Hall). About six men set out with their carts every day and locate themselves at strategic junctions and sell lime soda.

Their day starts off with the preparation of soda, getting the required ingredients like masala, sugar and lemon ready. They have two soda making machines at their place. B. Penchilaiah is the one who heads the group. He, along with 5 other men, set out onto the roads at about 11 am and they sell lime sodas at various locations such as near Akashawani Circle, Highway Circle, Ramakrishna Ashram, CFTRI, DC Office, etc.

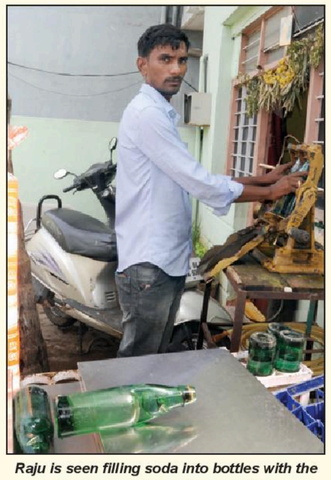
B. Penchilaiah leading the pack of Lime soda sellers.

Sharing a slice from his life, Penchilaiah says, "We hail from Nellore and we come to Mysuru during Dasara season and go back to our village during monsoon. When we are there we do odd jobs like daily labour to fill our tummies. We have been doing this since eight years and we wait to come to Mysuru and sell the cooling soda."

"We enjoy selling lime soda and we feel good when thirsty and tired people are energised after drinking soda. Our business peaks during noon time as most pedestrians and commuters stop by and buy soda to quench their thirst. We earlier used to sell soda at Rs. 10 per glass but now we sell it at Rs. 15 as the cost of lemon and other raw materials have also increased. Masala soda is now Rs. 15 and sweet soda is Rs. 20," he says.

The struggle is real - These lime soda sellers have to push their heavy carts all along the way in the hot sun to earn their livelihood and help customers beat the heat.

From II PUC Science to selling soda



Raju is seen filling soda into bottles with the help of a soda-making machine.

Penchilaiah's son Raju is one among the other 5 men who set out on foot, pushing their heavy carts to sell sodas. Raju has passed second PUC in Andhra Pradesh in Telugu medium in the science stream. He, along with his father and other co-workers, engages in preparing soda and then positions himself near the DC Office.

I completed my PUC in science stream. I quit my studies because my father owns this business and I too wanted to support him and be a bread winner for our family. Being educated, I and my workers use only paper glass and we are against the use of plastic cups. Our families stay in Nellore. But my mother stays here along with us. She cooks food for us and we have managed to make a decent livelihood," he says.

"In summer, we get good amount of customers and this lime soda is good for the health as it helps in digestion, prevents gastric and is a good remedy for stomach ache. I have no regrets that I dropped my studies, as I have shouldered the responsibility of our business very well. We have our own soda-making machines, good co-workers and a place for ourselves," he adds with a broad smile on his face.

THE COLD FIZZ: ***Raju making lemon sodas to his young customers near DC Office.***

An array of flavours...

Pappu Das Vaishnav's cart is well-decorated with several colourful flavoured syrup bottles aiming to attract customers at Kuvempunagar.

Pappu Das Vaishnav is seen making soda with the help of a soda machine that is attached to his cart.

The soda-making Machine at Pappu Soda Centre.

A soda outlet in city is attracting people with its name "Pappu Soda Centre", owned by Pappu Das Vaishnav.

Pappu Das Vaishnav sells varieties of sodas, kulfis and ice-creams on his modified self-designed cart near Vishnu Bhavan Sweets in Kuvempunagar. He is quite popular in the area and makes a roaring business during summer.

He has made his identity for himself since about 20 years as he offers several varieties of cooling delicacies. His customised cart is colourful and he also accepts digital cash. He has one advice to all: **"Please don't go by the size of my shop. I have a lot to offer and the taste will linger in your mouth for long."**

His shop offers Kulfi Ice, Kulfi Faluda, Kulfi Pista, Kulfi Vanilla, Cadbury Kulfi, Suganda Fruit Salad, Suganda Badam Shake, Kaju Shake, Fruit Salad, Badam Shake, Butter Milk, Lassi, Masala Sweet Soda, Katta-Meeta Soda, Lemon Sweet Soda, Kala Katta, Blue Berry, Green Berry, Mango Soda, Pepper Soda, Jal-Jeera, etc.

"I have been in this business since the past 20 years and I live nearby so that coming here is not a bur-den. I come here daily at about 12.30 pm and return by around 10.30 pm. I have a variety of flavours and people, especially youngsters throng the place. I have a fixed soda-making machine in my cart and easily can prepare soda, use flavours and masala and serve as per customer preference. Different people like it to have in a different way," he says.

No wonder the squeeze of a lemon mixed with a pinch of salt stirred along with the oozing soda is all what it takes to make a hectic sunny day into a pleasant one.

Heavenly Earthen Pots

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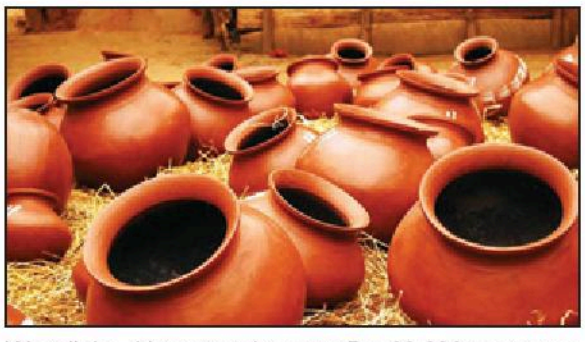
"We are about 5 to 6 families with over 40 people. We divide the areas and each family has its own location and they earn their profits or their fate of destiny. It all depends on sales. Our family sells pots near Aishwarya Petrol Bunk, Kalamandira, and Saraswathipuram."

They get their pots from Ahmadabad in Gujarat and each load of a truck filled with pots costs them about Rs. 75,000. Sellers who are settled in various parts of the country buy earthen pots from Ahmedabad.

Krishna says, "We get around 2,500 to 3,000 pots of various sizes in one truck load. The truck travels all the way from Gujarat and comes to Mysuru. We are always worried about the journey as many pots tend to crack or break. Even with utmost care, on an average 200 to 300 pots are broken in transit. Those damaged ones are of no use to us, we just throw them away. It is a loss for us."

"There are pots of several sizes - 6 litres to 20 litres.



We tell the drivers to take extra Rs. 20,000 to en-sure care and drive safely and smoothly. Yet many pots break and we are helpless. Tollgate taxes at several places are also borne by us. Once the truck arrives, we unload the pots carefully and later we polish them and attach tap to them. Their quality is checked and we keep it for sale," he adds.

"Customers demand good quality and we want to give the best to them. The Government has provided our families with houses at Shantinagar and we are managing our livelihood," he says.

Shekhar and his family have settled in Mysuru near Ballal Circle and have set up their own roadside sale of earthen pots and clay water pots next to the MMK-SDM Women's College. Shekhar manages to make his living out of the sale and lives along with his wife, children, brother and an aged mother.

Shekhar, who also hails from Rajasthan, gets his earthen pots from Gujarat. He says, "Since 10 years we have settled down in Mysuru. During summer, we manage to make a decent earning as people buy pots from us. But after summer, business drops. In order to make a living, I make idols, paint them and sell them. This is our life cycle and we do this for our survival."

"With each pot we make a profit of about Rs. 200 to Rs. 350. Making these pots is an art and that is why it is a little expensive though the raw material used in it is just mud," he adds.

CM holds top-secret meeting with confidants at Bandipur resort

- Entire resort sealed for weekend guests
- Mobile phones of resort staff confiscated

Mysuru, Mar. 31 (Somji& BCT)- The presence of master strategist and BJP President Amit Shah in Mysuru and a series of rallies by JD(S) leader H.D. Kumaraswamy in Nagamangala and other constituencies, has forced Chief Minister Siddharamaiah to rethink and rework on Congress strategies for the upcoming Assembly elections.

In the wake of threats of wresting power by the BJP and the JD(S), the CM wants to retain base in Old Mysuru region. The region, especially Chamundeshwari (where he is planning to contest) and Varuna (where he is likely to field his son Dr. Yathindra) is crucial for Siddharamaiah as it is his hometown. While a victory in Chamundeshwari and Varuna will assure him of another term as CM with his son as an MLA, an electoral loss will put a question mark on the political careers of both father and son.

The CM, who is in Mysuru on a five-day tour, went to a resort on Thursday night in Bandipur Tiger Reserve limits to chalk out political strategies with his close associates and friends. Though it was touted as a leisure trip with his family members, except for his son Yathindra, none of the family members were present.

Interestingly, the resort – Serai – is owned by former Chief Minister S.M. Krishna's son-in-law V.G. Siddhartha. There is no love lost between Siddharamaiah and Krishna who is in BJP now. There was tight security at the resort as a few days back some Naxalites were spotted in Gundlupet and Chamarajanagar. Even the mobile phones of the resort staff were confiscated to prevent information and photographs leaking out.

Food and beverages were served inside the hotel rooms and sources said that the CM was closeted with the party leaders from yesterday morning till late in the night. Though only three rooms were booked in the CM's name, the entire resort was closed for guests. Hotel sources said that their resort is usually full during weekends. Since the Chief Minister was staying there, no guests were entertained due to security reasons, sources added.

WOOING VOTERS

Siddharamaiah, sources said, held parleys with party leaders and his close associates about wooing Lingayats-Veerashaiva voters as they are dominant both in Chamundeshwari and Varuna. While the CM is confident of garnering maximum Kuruba votes, he asked his associates to start ground work and hold meetings with Lingayats and Veerashaivas.

All his supporters and confidants in the two constituencies were summoned on Thursday night itself including the Presidents of Chamundeshwari and Varuna Block Congress units and prominent leaders of various communities. Plans have been chalked out to split the votes of the BJP and the JD(S), sources added.

LEADERS WAIT OUTSIDE RESORT

So secretive was the meeting that most of the senior leaders of the party had to wait outside the resort for hours and many of them returned without meeting the CM. Yesterday morning Command Area Development Authority (Cauvery) (CADA) Chairman H.S. Nanjappa arrived at the resort. However, security personnel did not allow him inside. He had to wait outside for over an hour. Finally, the CM summoned him through the security personnel.

K.R. Puram (Bengaluru) MLA Byrathi Basavaraju who had come to meet Siddharamaiah had to wait for over three hours in front of the resort's gate. Sources said that he was munching 'Kadalepuri' at the entrance. It was not, however, confirmed that if he was able to meet the CM.

Also, PWD Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, MLAs K. Venkatesh and Puttarangashetty and ex-president of Zilla Panchayat and CM's close confidant K. Marigowda were made to wait for some time. Later they entered the resort and met the CM. Siddharamaiah's trusted aide Krishnaraja MLA M.K. Somasekhar had to return without meeting Siddharamaiah.

Siddharamaiah vacated the resort late last night and arrived in Mysuru this morning and had breakfast at Ramya Hotel at Lakshmipuram.

CM has breakfast at city Hotel

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When asked about reports on the BJP fielding B.Y. Vijayendra, son of State BJP President B.S. Yeddyurappa, in Varuna where his (CM) son is all set to contest, Siddharamaiah merely said that in a democracy, anyone had the right to contest from anywhere.

Referring to Union Minister Anant Kumar Hegde's yet another controversial remark made in Mangaluru yesterday, the CM said he would not react to his (Hegde) remark as he was communal. Siddharamaiah said he was sure of his party's victory in the May.12 Assembly polls.

Former MLA M. Satyanarayana, leaders Mavinahalli Siddegowda, Narasegowda, Bogadi Krishna Madegowda, Hinkal Channegowda, Advocate Gangdhar Gowda, Hanchya Ramegowda and others were present.

Heavy Police presence near Mylari Hotel

BJP President Amit Shah who was expected to have his breakfast at Mylari Hotel in Nazabad this morning, failed to visit the hotel. Anticipating Shah's visit, a large number of Police personnel were deployed near Mylari Hotel as a security measure. But as Shah did not turn up, the Police disbursed from the spot and resumed their regular duty.

Amit Shah winds up Mysuru tour

Amit Shah addressing a press meet in city this morning.

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Training his guns on Congress, Shah said that Congress was drowned in corruption. "Corruption and Congress are like fish and water. They are inseparable and have a close bond. All these years we have faced a Tsunami of corruption and it is time to end Siddharamaiah rule," he said.

Squarely blaming the Congress rule for all the ills plaguing the country, he said that party was responsible for poverty, corruption, lack of required industrial growth and piling up of Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) in banks. "The BJP government at the Centre is striving its best to improve the healthcare, social welfare, power, connectivity, roads and other critical sectors in a country that was ruled by the Congress since independence," he charged.

On the JD(S), Shah said that it has limited influence. "JD(S) will win only a few seats while the BJP will gain maximum seats and the Congress will be routed," he said.

Union Minister H.N. Ananth Kumar, National General Secretary K. Muralidhar Rao, former Deputy CM R. Ashoka, MLA C.T. Ravi, MP Pratap Simha and City BJP President Dr. B.H. Manjunath were present during the press meet.

Pages from History

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Four festivals in a row

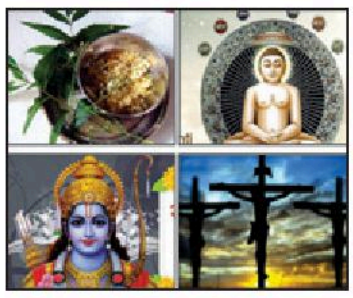
Once the festival season begins, they come with a bang and these festivals are celebrated all over the country with devotion. The methods adopted may look different but the inner motto is to remember the divinity. This actually happened during the latter fortnight of this month. These four festivals were Ugadi, Sri Rama Navami, Mahaveer Jayanti and Good Friday.

While Ugadi and Rama Navami were celebrated by Hindus, Mahaveer Jayanti was observed by Jains and Good Friday by our Christian population. This is also a good example for unity and diversity which is the hallmark of our culture.

Now let us take these festivals one by one for a detailed study. Naturally, Ugadi occupies the first place because it is the beginning of Hindu cyclic New Year. The word Ugadi is a Kannada form of Sanskrit word Yugadi. Yuga here should not be taken in its literal meaning of yuga, like Kaliyuga, Dwapara Yuga etc. Yuga here means a timespan which can be measured. Though time is immeasurable according to our tradition, it has been measured by Hindu years.

In India, there are three systems with regard to Ugadi. The first one is Chandramana (reckoning based upon Moon), Sauramana (reckoning based upon the movement of Sun) and finally Barhaspatyamana based upon Brihaspati (Guru). The people South of the Vindhyas follow Chandramana or Sauramana. People North of the Vindhyas follow Barhaspatyamana. Karnataka and Andhra follow Chandramana while people in Tamil Nadu follow Sauramana. Whatever may be the reckoning, Ugadi is a big festival that can easily be compared to Deepavali or Navaratri.

Whatever may be the system on the day of Ugadi people take oil-bath, wear new clothes, worship their personal deity and have good traditional food in which *Obbattu* is a must. Before doing that they eat neem leaves with jaggery, with a verse praying almighty for giving good and long life. There is also a message in this. Neem is bitter while jaggery is sweet which symbolises that people should not become depressed in troubles and get elated in times of happiness. Another important duty on that day is to buy the



new Panchanga or almanac. Now we have entered into Vilambi Annual Year bidding goodbye to the Year Hevilambi. Thus we have all celebrated Ugadi on 18th of March according to tradition in vogue from time to time, and wait for next year's Ugadi.

Sri Rama Navami is dedicated to the evergreen memory of Sri Rama who is considered as Maryada Purushottama, roughly translated as honourable best human being. Researchers have shown that Sri Rama was not a mythological figure but a person in flesh and blood. Many of the places mentioned in *Valmiki Ramayana* have been identified by late Dr. B. B. Lal and others.

Ramayana is perhaps the best known epic poem written in India. It has been translated into many languages and many works like *Kamba Ramayana, Vasistha Ramayana, Adhyatma Ramayana* have been composed. The message of Ramayana is to adhere to truth at any cost and that is the reason why Gandhiji was a great admirer of Sri Rama. The fame of Sri Rama went beyond the boundaries of India like Java, Sumatra, Bali, Borneo, Angkor etc.

The present generation may not know an interesting incident that took place. Sri Rama was considered as an Aryan while the people in Tamil Nadu were Dravidians and were not prepared to worship him. This was put to an end to by the then Prime Minister Nehru. Thus Ramayana has become a symbol of India.

Now we may pass on to Mahaveer Jayanti. Mahaveer, the Jain Saint, is considered as the twenty-fourth Tirthankara (holy saint). It is generally believed that he lived during 599-527BC. A native of Magadha State, Mahaveer was born in 599 BC to parents Siddhartha and Thrishaladevi. As soon as he was born there was prosperity and hence he was named Vardhamana. However, some saints on seeing his prowess and divinity gave him the new name Mahaveer by which he is now universally famous.

By birth itself Mahaveer attained Spiritual Knowledge. He renounced the worldly pleasures which were also temporary. He did penance for twelve years and at the end of which he received the divine knowledge (Kevala Jnana), that means he attained knowledge of divinity in all its glory. Finally, he got control over the senses of pleasure and became a saint par excellence. After getting the divine knowledge he felt that it should be made known to all the suffering people which he had experienced during his meditation. He did this for the benefit of suffering human beings. Thinking that the purpose of his life has been achieved, he cast off his body around 527BC in Pavapuri Lake near Patna on the Ashvayuja Bahula Chaturdashi during the early hours on a new moon day. Thus Mahaveer became immortal and his Jayanti is being celebrated annually and this year it was celebrated on 29th of this month, in all Jain temples also called as Basadis by performing rituals. Thus people paid homage to him on that day.

Finally, we come to Good Friday observed by Christians all over the world wherever Christianity is followed. It is actually the annual ceremony of the death of Jesus Christ. It falls on the previous Friday of Easter. People suspect it was originally called Gods Friday and in course of time it became Good Friday. There is a variety in its celebration among the various sects of Christianity. The Protestants generally recite the holy verses. The Roman Catholics go to the churches on the evening of Thursday and prayers are offered till the evening of Friday. This is coupled with reading the Bible and reciting the holy verses in local languages. Thus ultimately the result has to be in communion with Jesus Christ and think of him throughout those two days. The churches are decorated well and particularly serial lights are used to decorate the churches during the night. This year Good Friday was celebrated on 30th of this month.

Thus this fortnight of March has a combination of celebrations of Hindus, Jains and Christians and that is how in a democratic country like ours people have religious freedom. Every Indian hopes that this will continue for a long, long time to come.

128th Sri Ramanavami Music Festival

Brilliant concert by sisters Ranjani and Gayathri

***Vidu. Ranjani and Vidu. Gayathri performing at 128th Sri Ramanavami Music Festival in city accompanied by Vidu. H.N. Smitha on violin and Vid. Sai Giridhar on mridanga** (pic. below).*

The 128th Sri Ramanavami Music Festival organised by Sri Ramabhyudaya Sabha Charitable Trust is being held at Alamma Choultry, Devaraja Mohalla.

On 25th March, the inaugural programme was a brilliant and briskly rendered vocal concert by the popular duo sisters **Vidu. Ranjani and Vidu. Gayathri.** These sisters are originally from Hyderabad where they had their initial training in classical music and since have shifted to Chennai, that cradle for this art form.

Very soon they have achieved remarkable progress in their presentation of this art form and have made a formidable name in the field with the result, their concerts always attract a large mass of music-lovers and connoisseurs.

The sisters were accompanied on the violin by our own Vidu. H.N. Smitha (niece disciple of Vid. H.K. Narasimha Murthy) and on mridanga by Vid. Sai Giridhar.

The sisters commenced their concert with the popular *"Jaya Jaya Jaya Janaki Kantha..."* in Raga Nata and Kanda Chapu Tala, a Purandara Dasa number. This rendering set the tone for the concert in its beautiful presentation. The second rendering was in Kannada *"Kaadiruvenu Nanu Rama Sri Rama,"* a krithi by Ambuja Krishna in Raga 'Ranjani'. The neraval for this came out brilliantly and the accompanying artistes also came out with equal aplomb. The third song was *"Kshithija Ramanam..."* in raga 'Devagandhari,' a krithi by Muthuswami Dikshitar.

This was followed by a detailed Ragalapana in 'Todi' which was the main raga of the concert, a 'Ghana Raga' you can call it. This was a brilliant rendering and was ably supported by the accompanying artistes Vidu. Smitha and Vid. Sai Giridhar. A special feature of this number was a 'Graha Bheda' where 'Todi' slightly deviates into 'Mohana' for a while before streaming into the main Raga. This is a recent innovation according to me and has become an acceptable module in concerts. The Kriti in 'Todi' was *"Enduku Daya Radura Sri Rama"* by Saint Thyagaraja who was perhaps the staunchest devotee of 'Lord Srirama.' It is a befitting tribute to the Lord and his ardent savant Thyagaraja on the Ramanavami day. The 'Thanyavarthana' by Vid. Sai Gridhar was wonderful to the core.

The sisters did not forget the famous 'Swathi Thirunal,' the erstwhile Travancore Maharaja, whose contribution to Karnatak music is great by any standard. The kriti they chose is in Sanskrit – *'Ramachandra Pahi Sathatham'* in Raga 'Purna Chandrika'. This was a neat presentation and well-received.

The surprising feature of the concert was a 'Raga Thana Pallavi' on Raga 'Kaanada'. The sisters brought out the subtle nuances of this raga in great measure in the Alapana component as well as in pallavi *'Sukhi Evaro...,'* a rich tribute to Lord Srirama. The ragas chosen were a string of three namely 'Vasantha' a 'Hamsananda' and 'Durga.' The sisters and the accompanists shone in their best in this brilliant rendering much to the wide applause of the discerning crowd which had gathered in large numbers.

"Ramachandra Kripalu Bhajamana..." by Saint Tulasidas was neatly rendered. This evoked the elderly connoisseurs of the audience and took them back to the musical greats, the legendary M.S. and Lata Mangeshkar. This number was commenced in raga 'Yaman' and slowly strode into two more ragas.

'Shambho Shiva Shambho...' the penultimate piece of the concert was a Marati abhang by Saint Tukaram, *'Sri Ramachandra Kripalu Bhajamana'* in raga Yaman. The concert ended with a Marati abhang in raga 'Janjuti'. Totally, this concert by the sisters will remain in the memory of the connoisseurs for a long time to come.

— M.L. Krishnaswami

Fake IAS officer arrested in Virajpet

Cons MCC Commissioner to lend him Government vehicle

Madikeri/ Virajpet, Mar.31-A fake IAS (Indian Administrative Service) officer who was threatening government officials and conned the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner into lending him the Government vehicle, has been arrested by the Virajpet Rural Police.

The fake IAS officer is one Soumyaranjan Mishra, 32, who hails from Odisha and is now in judicial custody.

Mishra is the son of Ramakant Mishra, a resident of B.Ramachandrapura village in Sukhi Gopal taluk of Puri district in Odisha. He came to Ammathi three days ago and stayed in a resort there. Moving around a few places in Virajpet he also visited a few government departments and introduced himself as an officer from Regional Revenue Department in Mumbai.

The local officials have believed him as they thought that since the Model Code of Conduct is in force because of the forthcoming Assembly elections, he might have been deputed from Mumbai on official duty. This smooth operator has also contacted Deputy Commissioner P.I. Sreevidya and Police Commissioner Dr. Rajendra Prasad on the mobile phone.

True colours exposed: Soumyaranjan Mishra has called Virajpet Dy.SP Nagappa, Circle Inspector Kumar Aradhya and Station Officer Basavaraju, introduced himself and demanded a gunman for himself for protection to move around the places.

This aroused the suspicion of the Police who went to the resort where he was staying and subjected him to interrogation. Unnerved by the Police questioning, he started fumbling for answers. When he was brought

Soumyaranjan Mishra

to the Police Station for further questioning, the conman not only confessed to the fact that he was a fake IAS officer but also revealed his complete antecedents.

Background: Soumyaranjan Mishra, who originally hails from Odisha, was a resident of Adugodi in Bengaluru. He was working in the Central Provident Office as a software developer. A year ago, he quit the job and was staying in his sister's house in Mumbai for a while.

On Mar.28, he came to Mysuru, called up the MCC Commissioner and requested him to lend him the Government vehicle who arranged for a vehicle. He drove to Ammathi in the government vehicle.

Virajpet Rural Police have filed cases under various sections against Mishra including cheating, misuse of vehicle and posing as IAS officer. He has been remanded to Judicial custody.

MCC clarifies

Denying that Mishra had taken the government vehicle from MCC, a source in the Corporation told *Star of Mysore* that Mishra called up the MCC landline first a week ago and got in touch with Secretary to Commissioner Basavaraju and introducing himself as the Regional Commissioner from Mumbai, asked him to arrange for government vehicle and to book a room in Kabini resort on Mar.28.

MCC Commissioner G. Jagadeesha was informed about the request of the fake IAS officer. But Jagadeesha has told his Secretary that a government vehicle cannot be arranged and if the officer wanted it, he had to make a request directly with the Deputy Commissioner. However, the fake officer was promised that a private taxi could be arranged by the MCC vehicle section Assistant Najimulla.

Mishra arrived in Mysuru on Mar.28 and took the private vehicle, drove to the Police Commissioner's Office to freshen up and asked for a gunman and then drove with him to Ammathi, according to sources in the Police Department.

Meanwhile, the driver of the cab has asked Mishra to pay for the cab and when he did not make the payment, the cab driver is said to have returned to Mysuru from Ammathi, said the source in MCC.

Complaint against hostel warden's husband in Periyapatna

Official threatened for probing

Periyapatna, Mar.31 (HDR)-In a reported incident, an official who went to the hostel for investigating complaints that the husband of the warden of Girls Pre-Matric Hostel in the town was unnecessarily trespassing into the hostel, has been threatened recently.

Following numerous complaints that Kantharaj, husband of warden Arati, was unnecessarily trespassing into the hostel premises under false pretext and had also demanded money from the hostel staff, the Taluk Backward Classes Welfare Extension Officer Mohan Kumar went to the Girls Pre-Matic hostel a couple of days ago, when Kantharaj is said to have misbehaved with Mohan Kumar and even threatened him.

Mohan Kumar is said to have sent a report to the higher authorities in this regard and has informed them that he himself would take care of the hostel until the on-going SSLC exam comes to a close.

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MDCA Saanvi Technologies Cup District-level Chess

Mayuraditya, Sheetal bag titles

Winners in various categories of the MDCA Saanvi Technologies Cup District-level Sub-Junior Chess Tournament held at University Lions Hall in city yesterday.

Mysuru, Mar. 31- C. Mayuraditya with seven points from seven rounds clinched the boys and girls U-15 titles in the MDCA Saanvi Technologies Cup District-level Sub-Junior Chess Tournament held at the University Lions Hall here yesterday.

The prizes to the winners were given away by Yashasvi Shankar, MD, Saanvi Technologies Ltd., USA. N. Sudharshan, President MDCA, K.R. Shivarame Gowda, Hon. Secretary, MDCA and Y.G. Vijendra, Jt. Secretary, MDCA, were present on the occasion.

FINAL PLACINGS

BOYS - U-15: 1. C. Mayuraditya (7 points), **2.** J. Sandeep (5.5-25) and **3.** V. Avinash (5.5-24).

U-13: 1. I.Kalal (5.5), **2.** I. Kavin (5-21.5) and **3.** P.V. Siddanth (5-19.5).

U-11: 1. Preetham S. Rao (4.5), **2.** R. Ashwath Ram (4-21.5) and **3.** B. Nimish Raj (4-19.5).

U-9: 1. N.C. Gambhir (5.5), **2.** Ashith (5-19) and **3.** P. Sukruth (5-18.5).

U-7: 1. V.G. Vihan (4.5), 2. R. Nivaan (4) and **3.** Lakeith B. Theja (3.5).

GIRLS - U-15: 1. G. Sheetal (4), **2.** Nesha (3.5) and **3.** Ramitha S. Raj (3).

U-13: 1. V. Deeksha (4.5), **2.** R. Rakshitha (4-19) and **3.** S. Chaithanya (4-18).

U-11: 1. M.N. Eshanvi (6), **2.** L. Nithyashree (4) and **3.** Akarsha Kishore (3).

U-9: 1. L. Vaishnavi (5), **2.** Yashika R Joshi (4) and **3.** S.G. Vishmitha (3).

U-7: 1. M.H. Yadhvithi (4-19.5), **2.** K.R. Sara (4-18) and **3.** Anvitha S. Kumar (3).

MDFA 'A' Division Football

Mysore Muslims, Jolly XI FC in drawn tie

Mysuru, Mar.31- Mysore Muslims FC and Jolly XI FC were involved in a 1-1 drawn encounter in the MDFA 'A' Division Football League for the Achutha Rao Memorial Trophy played at the University Grounds here yesterday.

Both the teams shared a point each out of this drawn encounter.

RESULT

Mysore Muslims FC: 1 (Rehan 32) drew with **Jolly XI FC:** 1 (Vibhav 34).

Commonwealth Games - 2018

Sushil Kumar's name included among list of participants

New Delhi, Mar.31- Veteran Indian wrestler Sushil Kumar will finally breathe a sigh of relief as his name has been included in the Commonwealth Games website after it was initially missing from the list of participants for the 74kg category.

According to reports in the Indian Express, the error was due to a technical glitch and once it was discovered there was panic within the Indian wrestling fraternity.

The two-time Olympic medallist, is the only Indian representative in his category. The reason that led to the panic post the technical glitch was the sour relationship that the wrestler has with the Wrestling Federation of India and some of his teammates in the last couple of years.

Sushil who is aiming for a hattrick of Gold Medals at the Commonwealth Games is currently training away from the Indian team in Georgia. The wrestler who had panicked on hearing the news, is believed to have called the WFI officials multiple times on Thursday.

Since the 2014 Glasgow Commonwealth Games, this is Sushil's first major tournament since he failed to qualify for the 2016 Olympics.

Sushil is slated to return to Delhi on April 1 and leave for Australia on April 8, while the rest of the team will leave on April 6.

Football - Santosh Trophy

Bengal downs Karnataka, Sets-up Kerala finale

Kolkata, Mar.31- Defending champions Bengal will vie for a record 33rd title after setting up a summit clash with Kerala, following their 2-0 win over Karnataka in the semifinals of the 72nd Santosh Trophy.

Captain Jiten Murmu and Tirthankar Sarakar's second-half goals helped Bengal beat Karnataka at the Howrah Maidan Stadium.

Murmu broke the deadlock on the 57th minute while Sarakar made sure of a Bengal win in the second minute (90+2') of stoppage time, converting a free-kick that was won by the captain.

In the second semi-final, Kerala beat Mizoram 1-0 to sail into the final.

The last time Bengal and Kerala faced off in the final was in 1993-94, with the former winning 5-3 on penalties in Cuttack, after the score was tied 2-2 at regulation time.

Kerala last won the title in 2004-05 when they defeated Punjab 3-2 in New Delhi while this is their first final appearance since 2012-13 when they lost to Services on penalties at home.

The final is slated at the Saltlake Stadium at 2.30 pm on Apr.1.

Kerala's only bright chance in the first half was Rahul KP's miss from the edge of the box on the volley.

Such incompetence in the first half prompted Balan to usher in striker V.K. Afdal for an ineffective Sajith Poulose just before the whistle.

That substitution paid immense dividends nine minutes after the change of ends. Collecting the ball from a diagonal pass, M.S. Jithin made a darting run from the right and cut in to dodge past two men.

K.P. Rahul shot from his square pass but keeper Laltanpuia Ralte parried it off. V.K. Afdal, unmarked took his chance and slotted the ball home to give Kerala the lead against the run of play.

Mizoram had a golden opportunity in the 33rd minute to get the lead but Romawia missed from closed range.

Ball-Tampering Scandal

David Warner tearfully apologises for his role

Sydney, Mar.31- David Warner, former Australia Vice-Captain, made a tearful apology on Saturday for his role in the ball-tampering scandal that has left the cricketing world reeling, saying he is "resigned to the fact" he may never play for Australia again. The left-handed opener repeatedly said he was taking "full responsibility for my part" in the controversy, which saw Australian cricketer Cameron Bancroft use sandpaper to alter the condition of the ball during the third Test against South Africa in Newlands, Cape Town.

Despite an emotional address to the media, Warner stonewalled questions about who was aware of the ball-tampering and whether it was the first such incident within the team.

Warner, 31, told a media conference in Sydney: "I can honestly say I have only wanted to bring glory to my country through playing cricket.

"In striving to do so I have made the decision which has had the opposite effect and it's one that I will regret for as long as I live."

Warner's appearance comes after similar heartfelt apologies by opening batsman Cameron Bancroft and captain Steve Smith, who broke down when he faced the media on Thursday.

Coach Darren Lehmann, convinced to step down after seeing the apologies from Bancroft and Smith, was also tearful as he announced his resignation.

Smith and Warner were banned from international and domestic cricket for a year and Bancroft was suspended for nine months after the incident during the third Test in Cape Town.

Warner, a dynamic batsman but a divisive figure in the game, was charged by Cricket Australia with developing the plot and telling Bancroft to carry it out.

Suttur Seer opens third branch of Mysore Tarpaulins in Kuvempunagar

Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji is seen lighting the lamp to inaugurate the third branch of Mysore Tarpaulins on New Kantharaj Urs Road in Kuvempunagar here recently as others look on.

Mysuru, Mar. 31 (YDS&KS)- Mysore Tarpaulins, having its branches on D. Devaraja Urs Road and on Kalidasa Road, opened its third branch on New Kantharaj Urs Road, near Akshaya Bhandar in Kuvempunagar here on Thursday last.

The new branch was inaugurated by Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji.

Mysore Tarpaulins, which began in 1969 as a multi-brand bags store, has its own history. The first branch was opened on Devaraja Urs Road and for their quality products and service, it earned good customers and following a demand from customers, it opened its second branch on Kalidasa Road, above Hotel Green Leaf and now it has opened its third branch on New Kantharaj Urs Road.

Sri Jnanaprakash Swamiji inaugurates 'Kalothsava'

Urilingapeddi Mutt Seer Sri Jnanaprakash Swamiji inaugurating Kalothsava at Maharani's Women's College in city recently as College Principal Prof. M. Channabasavegowda, Prof. Nanjaraja Urs and others look on.

Mysuru, Mar.31 (PM&NNN)- "There is human value and element in folk art, literature, culture and music," said Urilingapeddi Mutt Seer Sri Jnanaprakash Swamiji.

He was speaking after inaugurating 'Kalothsava' organised by H.D. Kote's Amma Vasundhare Samajika, Samskrithika Mattu Shaikshanika Trust in association with Kannada and Culture Department at Sri Nalwadi Krishna Raja Wadiyar auditorium in Maharani's Women's Arts College, here recently.

"Folk literature has the wisdom and simplicity to explain everything in simple language and this is so well defined when it says, 'we can experience heaven when we utter truth and hell when tell lies.' In our society there are people who cheat and fleece in the name of God. We should build a knowledgeable and healthy society," he said.

Prof. P.V. Nanjaraja Urs (retd.) said that the present generation is forgetting Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar who built modern Karnataka. The Dalits and Backward Classes on such occasions at least are remembering him. It is a welcome sign that the College which has named the auditorium after Nalwadi is remembering him.

Janapadotsava

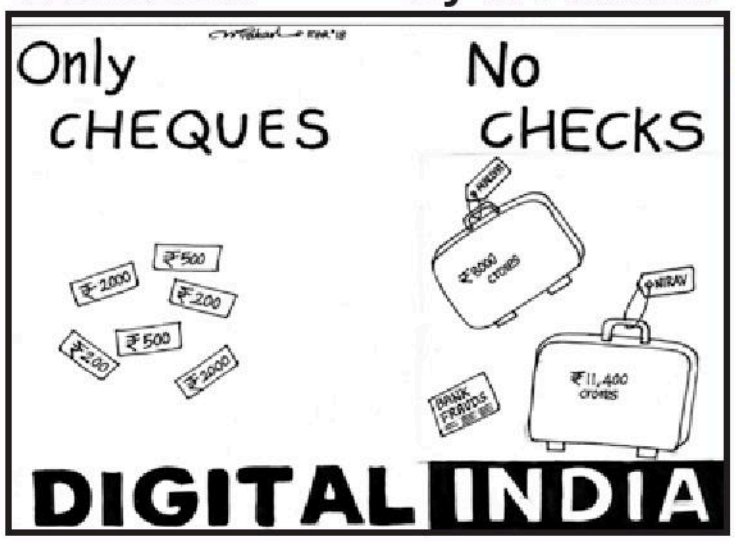
Various Janapada (folk) troupes exhibited their talents. The various forms of Janapada including Pooja Kunitha, Dollu Kunitha, Charma Vadya, group songs,Veeragaase, Maari Kunitha performed with a lot of energy and vigour thrilled the audience.

Maharani's College Principal Prof. M. Channabasavegowda, DSS State Convenor Mavalli Shankar, Kannada and Culture Department Assistant Director H. Chennappa, KSOU NSS Coordinator Dr. N.R. Chandregowda, Bangalore University Research Scholar Suresh Gautam, College's old student and Kodagu District Kannada Janapada Parishat President Dr. Cauvery Prakash, Professor Dr. R. Lingaraju, Trust Secretary Amma Ramachandra, his mother Devamma and others were present on the occasion.

Awards presentation

Mysore University Folklore Department Head Dr. M. Nanjaiah Honganuru was presented 'Neladа Nakshatra' award; Maharani's Commerce College Professor Krishnamurthy and international level folk singer Gururaj were conferred 'Nadachetana' award while Maharani's Arts College Professor Manonmani and Social Worker Cheluvambika were given 'Amma Vasundhare Kala Seva' awards.

TEASER By N. Prakash



'Higher education must aid in protecting environment'

Mysore University In-Charge Vice-Chancellor Prof. C. Basavaraju (extreme left), former Vice-Chancellors Dr. K. Chidananda Gowda, Prof. P. Venkataramaiah, Prof. S. N. Hegde and others at the National seminar held at Humanities Auditorium in Manasangangothri recently.

Mysuru, Mar.31 (RKB&NNN)- "Looking at the drinking water crisis staring at us, the day is not far off when the lakes, reservoirs and ground water will dry up and we have to spend a lot of money to desalinate sea water for drinking purposes," said Mysore University former VC Prof. S.N. Hegde.

He was speaking at the one-day National seminar on the topic "The Role of Higher Education in Sustainable Development" jointly organised by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Research and Extension Centre and Mysore University Research Scholars Association at the Humanities Auditorium in Manasagangothri, here recently.

"We are in such a grave situation that it has become inevitable to protect ourselves from the water crisis we are facing. If we have to survive and save the environment for the future generation, then we have to see that the education we are receiving comes to our aid in protecting the environment," said Prof. Hegde.

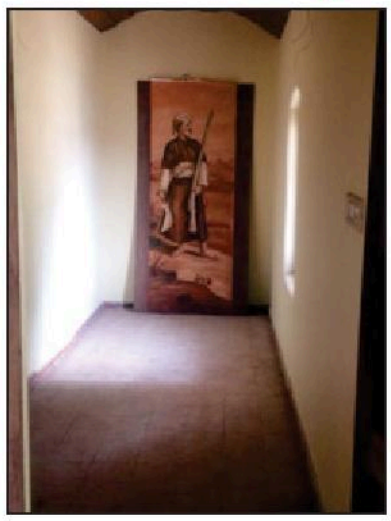
Kuvempu University former VC Dr. K. Chidananda Gowda inaugurated the seminar. Former VC of Kuvempu University Prof. P. Venkataramaiah, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Research and Extension Centre Co-ordinator Dr. S. Narendrakumar, Mysore University Research Scholars Association President D. Mahadevaswamy Mangala were present.

Chamundeshwari Temple Committee

Mysuru, Mar. 31 (US) - The State Dharmika Parishat and Department of Religious Endowment, Bengaluru, has constituted the Management Committee for Sri Chamundeshwari Temple atop Chamundi Hill and Muzrai temples in Mysore Palace premises with a tenure of three years.

The nine members of the Committee are: Shashishekara Dikshit (Head Priest, Chamundeshwari temple), Sakanna of Mellahalli village (SC/ST), M. Vijayakumari (woman), Savita Ghatka (woman), B. Kalaiah (local), U.C. Kumari of Uttanahalli (general), R. Shivalingu (general), G.N. Mahesh Kumar (general) and S. Shashikala (general).

Renovated 'Sunny Side' plays host for Gen. K.S.Thimayya's Birth Anniversary



Vice Admiral A.R. Karve of the Southern Command, who dedicated the renovated 'Sunny Side' to the nation this morning, being received at Madikeri. Pictures on the right shows the renovated 'Sunny Side' and one of its sections where a portrait of a soldier is kept.

Gen. K.S. Thimayya

The Amar Jawan War Memorial that has been set up inside the compound of 'Sunny Side.'

Madikeri, Mar. 31 (PS&BCT)- It is a historic day in Madikeri today where the renovated 'Sunny Side,' the residence of General Kodandera S. Thimayya was dedicated to the nation on the occasion of his 112th birth anniversary.

It is at this house that Thimayya was born to Kodandera Subbaiah and Cheppudira Seethavva couple on Mar.31, 1906. He went on to become the Chief of Army Staff from 1957 to 1961 in the crucial years leading up to the conflict with China in 1962.

'Sunny Side' has been renovated and the project was sanctioned in 2013 with a budget of Rs.5 crore. Earlier, the office of RTO was functioning from the General's house. The building has been handed over to the Kannada and Culture Department.

It may be recalled here that it has been a long-pending demand from the people and ex-servicemen from Kodagu for a befitting Memorial to General Thimayya. They argue that the delay in taking up the Memorial works was tantamount to insult to the great General.

The Memorial now features an exhibition of Gen. Thimayya's achievements and 'Himmat,' a battle tanker that was used in the Indo-Pak war of 1971. The Museum has replicas and photos of fighter jets used then and other war collections. A park, an Amar Jawan War Memorial has also been established.

The renovation has been done without damaging or altering the original structure. The Memorial, the museum was dedicated to the nation by Vice Admiral (PVSM) (AVSM) A.R. Karve of the Southern Command.

A recipient of *Padma Bhushan* for Civil Service, Gen. Thimayya took over the reins of the Indian Army as the sixth Chief of Army Staff on May 7, 1957. He resigned his post in 1959 over a dispute with V.K. Krishna Menon, the then Minister of Defence who was accused of safeguarding his personal interests at the cost of the Army and the nation.

Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru refused to accept Gen. Thimayya's resignation and persuaded him into withdrawing it. However, little action was taken on Thimayya's recommendations and he continued as the Army Chief till his retirement on May 7, 1961, completing 35 years of distinguished military service. He retired from the Army in 1961, almost 15 months before the Chinese invasion of India in November 1962. Gen. Thimayya died on Dec.18, 1965.

Kodava Samaja celebrates 112th birth anniversary of Gen. K.S. Thimayya

Maj. Gen. (retd.) C.K. Karumbaya addressing the gathering at Kodava Samaja in Vijayanagar this morning.

Mysuru, Mar.31 (PM&US)- Marking the 112th birth anniversary of Gen. K.S. Thimayya, Kodava Samaja had organised a function at its premises in Vijayanagar here this morning.

The members of the Samaja offered floral tributes to a portrait of Gen. K.S. Thimayya.

Speaking on the occasion, Maj. Gen. (retd.) C.K. Karumbaya hailed Gen. Thimayya as a very hard-working person as an Army Chief.

Kodava Samaja President B.M. Nanaiah, Vice-President K.C. Belliappa, Hon. Secretary M.M. Ponnappa, Jt. Secretary Jyoti Kashiyappa, Treasurer M.B. Jeevan, Col. M.K. Belliappa and others were present.

'Himmat,' a war tanker from Indo-Pak war of 1971 kept at Gen. Thimayya's Memorial in Madikeri.

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Johnny Johnny Yes Papa	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9900820093	4 Shows
Gultoo	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
Raja Ratha	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
Anjani Putra	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
Tagaru	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
Prema Baraha	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
Dvaita	Olympia	2420737	4 Shows
HINDI			
Baaghi - 2	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
Pyasi Patni	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
TELUGU			
Tholi Prema	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
Rangasthalam	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
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Black Panther (E-3D)	(S-1)	10.40 am
Gultoo (K)	(S-1)	1.15 pm
Rangasthalam (Te)	(S-1)	3.40 pm, 6.45, 9.55 pm
Heegondhu Dina (K)	(S-2)	10.45 am
Rajaratha (K)	(S-2)	1.40 pm, 4.30 pm
Raid (H)	(S-2)	7.15 pm
Vikadakumaran (Ma)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Johnny Johnny Yes Papa (K)	(S-3)	11.00 am
Hichki (H)	(S-3)	2.00 pm, 4.45, 7.15 pm
Baaghi - 2 (H)	(S-4)	10.35 am, 1.25 pm 4.15 pm, 7.05, 9.55 pm

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Johnny Johnny Yes Papa (K)	(S-1)	10.00 am
	(S-3)	6.45 pm
	(S-4)	3.10 pm
Baaghi - 2 (H)	(S-2)	9.55 am, 12.50 pm, 3.50 6.50 pm, 9.50 pm
Rangasthalam (Te)	(S-1)	3.40 pm, 9.35 pm
	(S-3)	9.45 am
	(S-4)	6.10 pm
Rajaratha (K)	(S-3)	1.15 pm
	(S-4)	9.30 pm
Hichki (H)	(S-1)	1.05 pm
	(S-3)	9.45 pm
Gultoo (K)	(S-4)	12.35 pm
Raid (H)	(S-3)	4.10 pm
	(S-4)	10.00 am
Heegondhu Dina (K)	(S-1)	7.15 pm

Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

EVENTS TODAY (MAR.31)

Co-optex Showroom, Shivarampet: 'Buy two - get one free' offer, Co-optex Showroom, #1468/D.33, Narayanashastry Road, Opp. More Mega Store, Shivarampet, **up to 8 pm.**

District Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru: Book release — L.S.N. Achar's 'Rekhavarna' — by scholar Malali Vasanthakumar, retd. Director of Prasaranga Dr. C. Naganna speaks about the book, Parishat Mysuru President Dr. Y.D. Rajanna presides, Parishat premises, Palace North Gate, **5 pm.**

Sugama Sangeetha Academy Trust: S.G. Raghuram Memorial Programme and Prof. M. Gopalakrishna Adiga's birth centenary celebrations, writer Nagaraj Vasthare inaugurates, Dr. Karthik Udupa of Vathsalya Hospital chief guest, Trust President K.V. Murthy presides, Mysore Vasudevacharya Bhavan, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

Sree Prasanna Seetharama Mandira: 102nd Sri Ramanavami Music Festival, Vocal Recital by Vid. Sakethraman, accompanied by Vid. H.K. Venkataram on violin, Vid. Thiruvarur Baktavatasalam on mridanga and Vid. M. Gururaj on morching, Mandira premises, **6 pm.**

Sri Janakirama Seva Samiti, Gollageri Chamaraja Mohalla: Sri Ramanavami Utsava, Bhajans, **6 pm.**

Sadhana Mandira: Sri Hanuman Jayanti celebrations, Mahajanas High School premises, Jayalakshmipuram, **6 pm to 8 pm.**

Sri Shivarathreeshwara Religious Endowment, JSS Mahavidyapeetha: Shivanubhava Dasoha-245, talk on 'Sharanara Jeevana Moulyagalu' by Prof. Maleyuru Guruswamy, Commercial Tax Department retd. Addl. Commissioner Helavara Hundi Siddappa presides, Bhajans by D.M. Siddhalingaswamy and troupe, No.394, 2nd Stage, JSS Layout, **6 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Swami Yukteshanandaji speaks on 'Divine Life of Sri Ramakrishna,' Ashrama premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

Sri Suttur Mutt: Moonlight Music - Vocal music concert by Vidu. K. Vrunda Acharya, accompanied by Vidu. V. Nalina Mohan on violin and Vid. A. Radhesh on mridanga, Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graces the occasion, Suttur Mutt, foot of Chamundi Hill, **6 pm.**

Sri Ramabhyudaya Sabha Charitable Trust: 128th Sri Ramotsava - Cultural Programme, Classical Music Concert by Malladi Brothers — Vid. Ravikumar and Vid. Sreeramprasad — accompanied by Dr. Nishanth Chandar on violin, Tumkur B. Ravishankar on mridanga and G.S. Ramanujam on ghata, Alamma Choultry, Kunchitigara Sangha, Srirampet, **6.30 pm to 9.30 pm.**

Sri Rama Seva Mandali, Sri Shankaranarayana Swamy Temple, Chamundipuram: Sri Ramotsava, vocal recital by Vid. Manasa Nayana, accompanied by C.A. Nataraj on violin, Vid. Saishivu Lakshmi Keshav on mridanga and Vid. Somashekar Joise on Konnakkol, Temple premises, **6.30 pm.**

Niranthara Foundation: Staging of play "No Man's Land," Mini Theatre, Kalamandira, **7 pm.**

Sri Sita Rama Temple Trust, Manandavadi Road, Railway Colony: Sri Ramanavami Mahotsava, Pallakki Rathotsava, Temple premises, **6.30 pm.**

Sri Rama Mandira, Jayanagar: 52nd Ramotsava, Sri Kalasha Sthapane and Udaka Shanti, Music Concert by Sriharsha, Rama Mandira, 2nd Main, 16th Cross, Jayanagar, **7 pm.**

Srirama Temple, Palace North Gate: Sri Ramanavami Mahotsava, Devotional Songs by Vidu. Suchitra Holla (Puttur) and troupe, Sugama Sangeetha by Harshita and troupe, Temple premises, **7 pm.**

Our Lady of the Poor Church, Bannimantap: Holy Week, Easter Service and Holy Mass, **9 pm.**

St. Joseph's Cathedral (St. Philomena's Church): Holy Week, Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil celebrations, **10.30 pm.**

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church, Srirampura: Holy Saturday, Easter Vision by Rev. Msgr. C. Rayappa, **10.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (APR.1)

Gowrishankar Nagar Residents and Devotees: Tumakuru Siddaganga Seer Dr. Sri Shivakumara Swamiji's 111th birthday celebrations, Special programme - Rudrabhisheka to Sri Gowrishankara Mahaswamiji Gadduge, **5 am;** Rangoli Contest for women and Essay Contest for students on 'Dr. Sri Shivakumara Swamiji,' **10 am;** Vachana Gayana and Bhajans by Mahila Sangha, Gowrishankar Nagar, Palace Sri Panchagavi Mutt premises, Gowrishankar Nagar, **5 pm.**

St. Joseph's Cathedral (St. Philomena's Church): Holy Week, Easter Sunday and the Bishop will offer Holy Eucharist in the Cathedral, **7 am and 8.30 am.**

Our Lady of the Poor Church, Bannimantap: Holy Week, Easter Sunday Mass in English, **7 am;** Mass in Kannada, **8.30 am.**

Sri Rama Mandira, Jayanagar: 52nd Ramotsava, Suprabhata Seve, Sankalpa, Abhisheka, Archane, Veda Parayana, Ramayana Parayana, Sri Ramachandraswamy Pattabhisheka, **7 am to 11 am;** Hanumantotsava, Rama Mandira, 2nd Main, 16th Cross, Jayanagar, **7 pm.**

Sri Lakshminarasimha Swamy Temple, Melukote Yadugiri Yathiraj Mutt's Shaka Mutt, Kalidasa Road: 'Swathi Puja,'Mahasudarshana Sankalpa Homa and special abhisheka puja, **7.30 am;** Special decoration, **12.30 pm;** Mahamangalarthi and prasada distribution, **1 pm;** Prakarotsava, **7.30 pm;** Mahamangalarthi and prasada distribution, Temple premises, **8 pm.**

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church, Srirampura: Easter Sunday, Holy Eucharist celebration, **8.30 am.**

Sri Sita Rama Temple Trust, Manandavadi Road, Railway Colony: Sri Ramanavami Mahotsava, Hanumantotsava, **11 am;** Anna Santarpane, **12 noon;** Shayanotsava and Rashtashirvada, Temple premises, **7 pm.**

Srirama Temple, Palace North Gate: Sri Ramanavami Mahotsava, Sri Rama Tarak Homa, Sri Rama Pattabhisheka, **9 am;** Music programme by Rakesh Iyer and troupe, Sugama Sangeetha by Harshita and troupe, Temple premises, **7 pm.**

District Administration, Kannada & Culture Department and Sri Devara Dasimayya Jayantotsava Samiti, Mysuru: Sri Devara Dasimayya Jayanti, Procession - Mayor Bhagyavati flags off, Palace North Gate, **9 am;** Vachana Gayana by Devananda Varaprasad and troupe, **10.30 am;** Sri Dayanandapuri Swamiji, Sri Prabhulinga Swamiji and Sri Guru Markandeshwara Padmasali Swamiji will grace the occasion, District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa inaugurates, MLA Vasu presides, Kalamandira, **11.30 am.**

Basava Samiti, Hebbal-Vijayanagar: Sharane Akkamahadevi Jayanti and Dr. Sri Shivakumara Swamiji's birthday celebrations, Sharana Sangama - 243, Talk on 'Sharana Jeevana' by Shweta Madappadi, Samiti President H.V. Basavaraju presides, Basava Bhavan, CA-5, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **10 am.**

Sri Janakirama Seva Samiti, Gollageri Chamaraja Mohalla: Sri Ramanavami Utsava, Sri Rama Pattabhisheka, Okuli, **11 am;** Devotional Songs from Samiti Members, **6 pm.**

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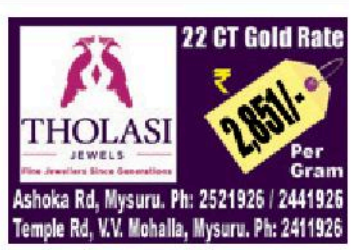
Sri Rama Seva Mandali, Sri Shankaranarayana Swamy Temple, Chamundipuram: Sri Ramotsava, 'Laya Lahari' by Vid. Anoor Anantha Krishna Sharma and troupe, Temple premises, **6.30 pm.**



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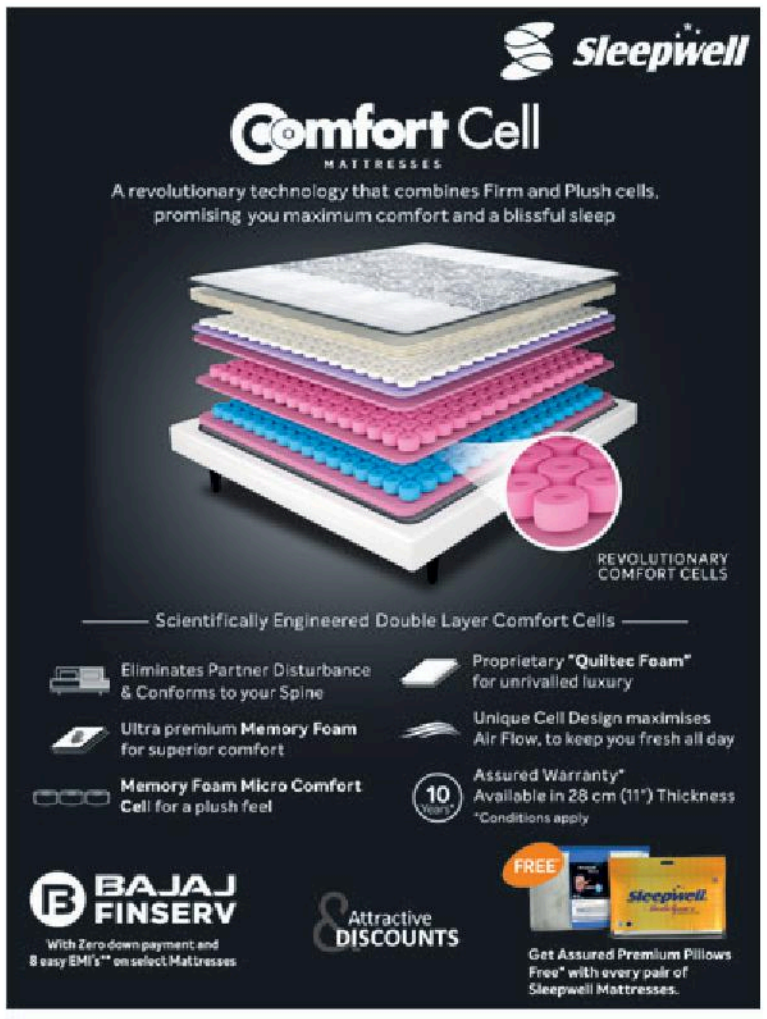
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